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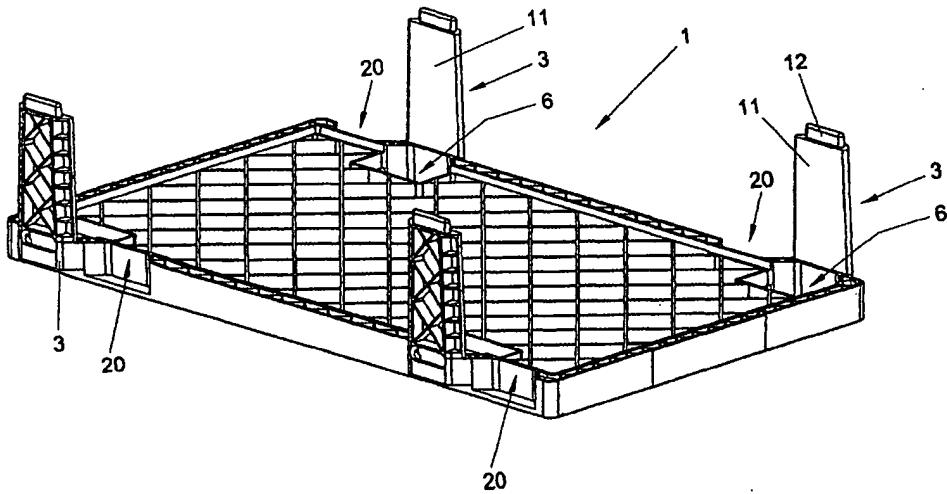
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(57) Abstract: A carrier (1) for growing trays, comprising a series of legs and a supporting surface carried thereby, wherein: in said supporting surface (2), adjacent at least a number of and preferably each of the legs (3), an opening (6) is provided, such that the carriers in a storage position are stackable in nested position, with a number of legs (3) of one or more upper carriers (1) reaching into at least a number of said openings (6) of a lower carrier (1); and the supporting surface (2) determines at least one outer contour (4), while the legs (3) extend at least partly outside said outer contour (4), such that two carriers (1) in a position of use are stackable, with the legs (3) of an upper carrier (1) resting on the legs (3) of a lower carrier.

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